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For: METHOD OF FORMING BURIED
CONDUCTOR PATTERNS BY SURFACE
TRANSFORMATION OF EMPTY SPACES
IN SOLID STATE MATERIALS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.